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(U) Lodi – City Councilman Arrested on Suspicion of Felony Elections Crimes

(U) Lodi City Councilman Shakir Khan was arrested on suspicion of eight felony elections crimes, according to the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office. The charges include two-counts of falsely filing a declaration of candidacy, three-counts of voting or attempting to vote more than once, registering a fictitious person, making, or defacing a nomination paper, and voter registration violation. According to the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office, the charges stem from the 2020 election. SOURCE: 16 February 2023, ABC10

(U) Los Angeles - Man Linked to Shootings of Two Jewish Men Arrested

(U) The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) arrested a man linked to two separate shootings of Jewish men in Los Angeles' Pico-Robertson neighborhood. The first shooting happened on Wednesday and involved a man in his 40's, according to the LAPD. The second incident happened Thursday and involved a man in his 70's. Both men had just left a synagogue, and the shootings happened less-than-amile apart. Authorities believe both shootings were carried out by the same gunman. The name of the man was not immediately released.

SOURCE: 16 February 2023, NBC Los Angeles

(U) Rocklin – More Than 50 Pieces of Stolen Mail Found During Traffic Stop

(U) A Rocklin woman was arrested in Placer County after being found with more than two dozen pieces of stolen mail, according to the Placer County Sheriff's Office. Inside the vehicle, the deputy found W-2 forms and financially identifying pieces of information. At least 50 pieces of mail were unopened and six had been opened. The mail was found to belong to individuals living in Placer County and Sacramento County. The woman was arrested and is facing charges of felony identity theft and an additional felony warrant.

SOURCE: 16 February 2023, Fox40

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(U) District of Columbia - FBI has 'Contained' Cyber Incident on Bureau's Computer Network

(U) Washington – The FBI has been investigating and working to contain a malicious cyber incident on part of its computer network in recent days, according to people briefed on the matter. FBI officials believe the incident involved an FBI computer system used in investigations of images of child sexual exploitation. FBI officials have worked to isolate the malicious cyber activity, which involved the FBI New York Field Office, one of the bureau's biggest and highest profile offices. The origin of the hacking incident is still being investigated.

SOURCE: 17 February 2023, CNN

(U) District of Columbia – Justice Department Warns of China's "Weaponization of Data"

(U) Washington – A new federal initiative dedicated to keeping America's technological advances out of

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the hands of foreign adversaries will be part of a strategy to combat growing threats from China, the Justice Department announced. The Disruptive Technology Strike Force, an interagency partnership between the Departments of Justice and Commerce, will aim to target rival nations like China that seek to use American high-tech advances to undermine national security, and upset the rule of law. To help combat these risks, US officials are paying more attention to the ways in which foreign adversaries try to use investments to give them access to American technology and data.

SOURCE: 16 February 2023, CBS News

(U) District of Columbia - China and Mexico Refuse to Cooperate with US Against Fentanyl Suppliers

(U) Washington – China and Mexico have stonewalled "information-sharing" and other "basic" steps to counteract the fentanyl crisis in the United States, according to federal officials. China agreed to clamp down on fentanyl exports in 2019, but Beijing "has repeatedly declined diplomatic and congressional requests to stop" supplies of the precursor chemicals that the cartels import into Mexico. Mexico similarly has proven uncooperative with DEA officials in terms of information-sharing, law enforcement, and the extradition of "232 drug-related defendants" who will face charges in the US if Mexican officials transfer them into American custody.

SOURCE: 15 February 2023, Washington Examiner

(U) Kentucky – Two Teens Charged in Alleged Bomb Threat Against Daycare

(U) Louisville – Two youths have been arrested over a bomb threat to Skillz-4-Life daycare center being investigated by the Louisville Metro Police Department (LMPD). LMPD Major Tiffany Tatum said Fourth Division officers arrived at the scene, secured it, and set up a perimeter where all the children were evacuated. After a search, police said nothing had been found. LMPD said in a press release that both youths face second-degree terrorism threat charges, which is a Class D felony. The suspects' names were not released due to their age.

SOURCE: 16 February 2023, Local Today

(U) Texas – University Bans Woman Accused of Stabbing Date in Iranian Revenge Plot

(U) Dallas – Nika Nikoubin, a woman accused of luring a man to a Las Vegas area hotel and stabbing him in a revenge plot over the US takedown of Iranian General Qassem Soleimani, has been kicked off a Texas campus where she had enrolled under the radar despite a Nevada judge ordering her house arrest. "University officials recently became aware that she was charged with a crime and is under the jurisdiction of a Nevada court," the school said. "Because the safety of our campus and our community is of utmost importance, we have removed her from campus. The UT Dallas Police will monitor the student's compliance with the removal order."

SOURCE: 16 February 2023, Fox News

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(U) China – Country Sanctions Lockheed Martin, Raytheon Over Taiwan Arms Sales

(U) Beijing – China on Thursday put Lockheed Martin and a unit of Raytheon Technologies on an "unreliable entities list" over arms sales to Taiwan, banning them from imports and exports related to China in its latest sanctions against the US companies. Lockheed Martin Corp (LMT.N) and Raytheon Missile and Defense Corp, a subsidiary of Raytheon Technologies Corp (RTX.N), are prohibited from "engaging in import and export activities related to China," China's commerce ministry said in a statement.

SOURCE: 16 February 2023, FBC News

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- (U) United Arab Emirates Al Qa'ida's New Leader Al-Adel Has \$10 Million Bounty on His Head
 (U) Dubai Seif al-Adel, a former Egyptian special forces officer who is a high-ranking member of al-Qa'ida with a \$10 million US bounty on his head, is now the "uncontested" leader of the militant group. Al-Qa'ida has not formally named a successor for Ayman al-Zawahiri, who was believed to have been killed in a US missile strike in Kabul last year. Although a US intelligence official said that Zawahiri's succession remained unclear, the United Nations report assessing risks from the group said "In discussions in November and December, many Member States took the view that Seif al-Adel is already operating as the de facto and uncontested leader of the group."
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